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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Madam:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08a and Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The references identified in Form PTO/SB/08a were cited in a Supplemental European Search Report mailed December 6, 2007. European Patent Nos. 1,275,666 and 1,126,322, which are cited in the Search Report, are equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,908,724 and U.S. Publication No. 2001/0033989, respectively. In lieu of submitting these EP references, the U.S. Equivalents have been identified. Further, International Publication Nos. WO/0233489 and WO/0067072 are equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,974,657 and U.S. Publication No. 2004/0265738, respectively. Likewise, in lieu of submitting these WO references, the U.S. Equivalents have been identified. In view of the foregoing, copies of the non-patent literature document and the Search Report are enclosed.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,908, 724 to Araki et al. and U.S. Publication No. 2004/0265738 to Feiring et. al. were cited in a previous Office Action dated February 24, 2006. As discussed in the May 24, 2006 Response to this Office Action, these references do not teach or suggest preparing **oligomers** having a molecular weight of less than or equal to 3000. In addition, the remaining references cited in the Search Report relate to polymers not oligomers and, therefore, these references are cumulative. Accordingly, it is believed that the present claims are patentable over the references cited herein.

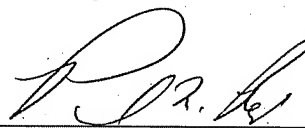
In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on October 3, 2007, the Examiner indicated that Exhibit C, which was submitted in a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Larry Rhodes in an Amendment dated December 5, 2006, was not in the record. Therefore, Exhibit C identified in Form PTO/SB/08a is NOT prior art, but is being submitted herewith in order to be made of record in the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as it is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Nevertheless, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

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